DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR OPEN-FILE REPORT UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY 81-728-L SHEET 1 OF 2 FOLIO OF THE BRADFIELD CANAL QUADRANGLE, ALASKA LE COMPTE--INTERPRETATION OF LANDSAT IMAGERY Unit Descriptions - Generalized Geologic Map ALKALI-FELDSPAR GRANITE WITH ASSOCIATED QUARTZ-PORPHYRITIC RHYOLITE LEUCOCRATIC QUARTZ MONZONITE AND GRANODIORITE (Eocene) Tega GRANODIORITE AND QUARTZ DIORITE (Eocene) Tq QUARTZ DIORITE (Eocene or Paleocene) TKIg LEUCOCRATIC QUARTZ MONZONITE AND GRANODIORITE (Tertiary and/or TKgq GRANODIORITE AND QUARTZ DIORITE (Tertiary and/or Cretaceous) BIOTITE-HORNBLENDE QUARTZ DIORITE, PLAGIOCLASE-PORPHYRITIC BIOTITE GRANODIORITE/QUARTZ DIORITE, BOTH LOCALLY CONTAIN GARNET AND/OR EPIDOTE (Cretaceous) Texas CREEK GRANODIORITE (Triassic) MzPzmg MIGMATITE AND ORTHOGNEISS, WITH LESSER PARAGNEISS (Mesozoic and/or MzPzpo PARAGNEISS AND ORTHOGNEISS, WITH LESSER AMPHIBOLITE AND MARBLE MzPzsp SCHIST AND PARAGNEISS, WITH LESSER AMPHIBOLITE AND MARBLE (Mesozoic and/or Paleozoic) MzPzsv METASEDIMENTARY AND LESSER METAVOLCANIC ROCKS, WITH LOCAL MARBLE (Mesozoic and/or Paleozoic) INDEX MAP SHOWING LOCATION OF THE BRADFIELD CANAL QUADRANGLE REFERENCES CITED DISCUSSION Albert, N.R.D., 1975, Interpretation of Earth Resources Technology Satellite imagery of the Nabesna quadrangle, Alaska: U.S. Geological Survey Miscellaneous Field Studies Map MF-655-J, 2 sheets, scale 1:250,000. Landsat images of the Bradfield Canal quadrangle were analyzed for lineaments, and circular and arcuate features as a possible aid in the mineral resource assessment of the This study is a modified version of more-detailed interpretative investigations conducted in other areas in Alaska (Albert, 1975; Albert and Steele, 1976a, b; Albert and others, 1978; Steele and Albert, 1978): the report is abridged and the methodology involved is similar to that used by Raines (1978). Details concerning the different types Albert, N.R.D., Le Compte, J.R., and Steele, W.C., 1978, Map showing interpretation of Landsat imagery of the Chandalar quadrangle, Alaska: U.S. Geological Survey Miscellaneous Field Studies Map MF-878-J, 2 sheets, scale 1:250,000. of imagery used are given in "Table of Imagery Used in Analyses". Albert, N.R.D., and Steele, W.C., 1976a, Interpretation of Landsat imagery of the McCarthy quadrangle, Alaska: U.S. Geological Survey Miscellaneous Field Studies Map MF-773-N, 3 sheets, scale 1:250,000. Although many lineaments and circular and arcuate features are observed from the imagery of the quadrangle, no marked spatial relation between these features and known mineralization (Elliott and Koch, 1981) is apparent. Noteworthy geologic correlations can be made, however, with many of the Landsat fea-_____, 1976b, Interpretation of Landsat imagery of the Tanacross quadrangle, Alaska:
U.S. Geological Survey Miscellaneous Field Studies Map MF-767-C, 3 sheets, scale (1) A well-defined, generally northwest-trending set (zone) of lineaments (lineament map, sheet 1: feature A-A) marks the location of the Coast Range megalineament Brew, D.A., and Ford, A.B., 1977, Coast Range megalineament and Clarence Strait lineament on west edge of Coast Range batholithic complex, southeastern Alaska: in Blean, K.M., ed., The United States Geological Survey in Alaska: Accomplishments (Brew and Ford, 1977) within the southwest part of the quadrangle. A disjunction (separation) in the trace of the lineament zone immediately to the north and south of Burroughs Bay (in the southwesternmost part of the Bradfield Canal and in the During 1976: U.S. Geological Survey Circular 751-B, p. B79. northeasternmost part of the Ketchikan quadrangles) may indicate an apparent, leftlateral offset (of approximately 8 kilometers) of the megalineament along the length Condit, C.D., and Chavez, P.S., Jr., 1978, Basic concepts of computerized digital image processing for geologists: U.S. Geological Survey Bulletin 1462. (2) Lineament feature B (lineament map, sheet 1) is part of a series of generally north-Elliott, R.L., and Koch, R.D., 1981, Map and table describing mines, prospects, and se-lected metalliferous mineral occurrences in the Bradfield Canal quadrangle, Alaska: U.S. Geological Survey Open-File Report 81-728-B, scale 1:250,000. trending lineaments (located in the southeast corner of the Bradfield Canal quadrangle and in the northeast corner of the Ketchikan quadrangle) that may be indicative of a previously unrecognized, high-angle fault at this locality (Raymond L. Elliott, Raines, G.L., 1978, Porphyry copper exploration model for northern Sonora, Mexico: U.S. Geological Survey Journal of Research, v. 6, no. 1, p. 51-58. (3) Lineament features C (lineament map, sheet 1) which are located in the vicinity of the south-central margin of the quadrangle mark the traces of generally northeast-Smith, J.G., 1973, A Tertiary lamprophyre dike province in southeastern Alaska: Canadian trending (linear) valleys formed by differential erosion along the Tertiary lamprophyre dikes and joint sets present in this region (Smith, 1973; Richard D. Koch, Journal of Earth Sciences, v. 10, no. 3, p. 408-420. Steele, W.C., and Albert, N.R.D., 1978, Interpretation of Landsat imagery of the Talkeetna quadrangle, Alaska: U.S. Geological Survey Miscellaneous Field Studies Map MF-870-C, 2 sheets, scale 1:250,000. (4) Lineament features D-D, E-E, and F-F (lineament map, sheet 1) which are located in the south-central part of the quadrangle are prominently developed features herein interpreted as (probably) representing either large-scale joints or previously unrecognized fault traces in this area. TABLE OF IMAGERY USED IN ANALYSES Scenes used for computer- and photo-optical enhancement are 1771-19111, taken September 2, 1974, and 5866-17554, taken September 1, 1977. Computer compatible tapes were processed by Pat S. Chavez, Jr. and Ellen Sanchez, U.S. Geological Survey, Flagstaff, Arizona; for a description of this type of enhancement (simulated natural color), see Albert and Steele (1976a, b) and Condit and Chavez (1978). All imagery is available from EROS Data Center, Sioux Falls, SD 57198 (specify PAO number when ordering). Example of imagery is shown in Figure 2. This report is preliminary and has Orthographic E-1276-77CT 1771-19111 1:1,085,000 1:250,000 not been reviewed for conformity with U.S. Geological Survey editorial Geology by H. C. Berg, D. A. Brew, A. L. Clark, W. H. Condon, J. E. Decker, M. F. Diggles, G. C. Dunne, R. L. Elliott, BASE FROM USGS TOPO SERIES: standards and stratigraphic nomenclature BRADFIELD CANAL, 1955, ALASKA-CANADA J. D. Gallinatti, M. H. Herdrick, S. M. Karl, R. D. Koch, M. L. Miller-Hoare, R. P. Morrell, J. G. Smith, and R. A. Sonnevil, 1968-1979. POE = photo-optically enhanced CONTOUR INTERVAL 200 FEET DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL EXPLANATION LINEAMENT. WIDTH OF LINEAMENT LINEAMENT MAP ZONE (FEATURE A-A) SHOWN BY ARROWS

MAPS SHOWING INTERPRETATION OF LANDSAT IMAGERY OF THE BRADFIELD CANAL QUADRANGLE, SOUTHEASTERN ALASKA

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